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## Field Crops

Cotton bolls have opened on virtually all of the cotton acreage, 1 percentage point behind the 5-year average. Twenty-five percent of cotton has been harvested, 9 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Cotton harvesting is almost complete in the Yuma area. Ninety-six percent of the cotton crop continues to be rated in fair to excellent condition depending on location. Alfalfa conditions were mostly fair to excellent. Harvesting occurred on over three-fourths of the alfalfa acreage across the State.

## Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, honeydews and miscellaneous melons last week.

## Range and Pasture

Soil moisture remains sufficient for maintaining existing forage. Stock tanks are short on water in a few areas. Rangeland conditions vary widely from very poor to good, depending on location.

### **Crop Condition**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>- Percent -</i>				
Alfalfa	0	2	21	45	32
Range and Pasture	31	18	28	20	3
Cotton	0	4	25	53	18

### **Crop Progress**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	<i>- Percent -</i>			
Cotton				
• Harvested	25	22	34	34

## Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above average across the State for the week ending October 21, ranging from 2 degrees below normal at Parker to 10 degrees above normal at Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 98 degrees at Coolidge and Yuma. The lowest reading was 24 degrees at the Grand Canyon.

No precipitation was recorded at any of the weather stations. Twelve of the 21 weather stations have received less than 75 percent of normal precipitation so far this year. Two weather stations, Safford and Yuma, have received normal to above normal precipitation to date.

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<b>Temperature and Precipitation Data</b>								
<b>October 15, 2012 - October 21, 2012</b>								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	70	4	91	50	0.00	3.83	-4.06	49
Buckeye	74	4	96	53	0.00	3.23	-2.59	55
Canyon De Chelly	54	3	77	30	0.00	3.88	-3.89	50
Coolidge	71	2	98	46	0.00	5.40	-0.36	94
Douglas	68	7	86	45	0.00	7.28	-4.24	63
Flagstaff	52	7	75	28	0.00	11.79	-6.19	66
Grand Canyon	50	7	75	24	0.00	8.20	-8.01	51
Kingman	68	6	86	45	0.00	7.19	-0.64	92
Maricopa	74	5	95	52	0.00	5.33	-0.21	96
Paloma	73	4	95	52	0.00	4.83	-0.07	99
Parker	70	-2	91	47	0.00	2.42	-0.71	77
Payson	63	8	84	40	0.00	10.51	-6.96	60
Phoenix	81	8	96	67	0.00	3.36	-2.46	58
Prescott	63	10	83	42	0.00	8.91	-7.20	55
Roll	75	4	97	52	0.00	2.34	-0.06	98
Safford	67	5	89	43	0.00	8.01	0.07	101
St. Johns	57	4	79	33	0.00	6.64	-3.05	69
Tucson	75	7	92	56	0.00	6.70	-3.31	67
Willcox	65	6	90	41	0.00	8.29	-2.45	77
Winslow	60	6	82	35	0.00	4.84	-1.72	74
Yuma	83	8	98	67	0.00	2.41	0.01	100
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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